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Supplemental Amendment

In re Application of: Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.*  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/727,855  
For: **PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF CAROTENOIDS  
AND BIOLOGICALLY USEFUL MATERIALS THEREOF**

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Serial No.: 09/727,855 ) Art Unit: 1652  
Filed: December 1, 2000 )  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

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**Attention: Examiner Nashed**

Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment is filed in response to a telephonic Examiner's Interview conducted on September 16, 2004 ("Interview"), during which the Examiner recommended several amendments to the claims to place the application in condition for allowance. Entry of this Amendment respectfully is requested.

It is believed that no fee is due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Application No.: 09/727,855  
Amendment Dated: September 24, 2004  
Reply to Interview of: September 16, 2004

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:** none.

**REMARKS** begin on page 12 of this paper.